

shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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CHAPTER 736

(House Bill 1137)

AN ACT concerning

Workmen's Compensation - Lump-sum Payments

FOR the purpose of providing that the Workmen's Compensation Commission may grant lump-sum payments to an employee; and specifying circumstances under which these lump-sum payments may be granted.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

Section 49

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1964 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 49 of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

49.

In every case providing for compensation to the injured employee or his dependent, excepting temporary disability, the Commission may, if in its opinion the facts and circumstances of the case warrant it, convert the compensation to be paid in a partial or total lump-sum, without discount. [Such lump-sum] LUMP-SUM payments may [only] ALSO be made by the Commission for the purposes provided for in § 57 of this article. HOWEVER, NO LUMP-SUM MAY BE GRANTED FROM COMPENSATION PAYABLE AFTER THE SUM OF \$45,000 HAS BEEN PAID. IF A LUMP-SUM IS GRANTED UNDER § 36(1) (A) OR § 36(8) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL REDUCE THE WEEKLY RATE OF COMPENSATION UNTIL THE AMOUNT OF THE LUMP-SUM GRANTED WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID IF THAT SUM HAD BEEN PAID IN WEEKLY PAYMENTS.